



Richland Section Board Meeting
Wednesday, 05/13/2020, 6:01 PM, Skype Meeting

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Start: 6:01 pm

Attendance: Shirmir Branch, Sandy Fiskum, Deepika Malhotra, Colby Heideman, Steve Krogsrud, Megan Nims, Dave Heldebrant, Janet Bryant, Mariefel Olarte, Cristina Padilla-Cintron, Christian Perez Diaz

1. Approval of minutes, Branch – Shirmir introduces the April 2020 executive committee minutes. comments were received electronically, and Shirmir will incorporate changes. Steve moves to approve the April 2020 minutes as amended; Sandy seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously.
2. Approval of treasurer report, Malhotra – Deepika introduces the May (01 – 30 April 2020) treasurer report. Starting balance is \$45,016.60 in savings and \$21,249.15 in checking. No activities occurred during this month. Pending activities include a bill received from ACS for Shirmir’s attendance to the 2020 ACS Leadership Institute. Ending balance is \$45,016.60 in savings and \$21,249.15 in checking. Sandy moves to approve the May 2020 treasurer report as presented; Steve seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

Old Business

3. Volunteer databank (SPR G1, S2) (Nims/Branch) – Access to the Local Section (LS) Google share drive is currently unavailable. Shirmir and Megan are looking for a path forward to distribute the databank information request.
4. Interim program reports requested – Reports are requested in order to have necessary documentation to complete the annual report at the end of the year.
 - a. Program-in-a-box (Heideman) – Colby will submit report to Sandy for February event at Eastern Oregon University (EOU).
 - b. Mid-Columbia Science Fair (Heldebrant) – Dave sent report to Steve. Steve will forward to
5. EOU travel to Spring 2020 ACS meeting (Heideman) – Anna is still looking into a resolution for flights purchased (by for students to travel to the Spring 2020 ACS meeting).
6. Earth Day events
 - a. Richland (Branch) – The April 2020 Celebration of Science (hosted by Three River Science) has been rescheduled for October 2020. Shirmir is currently waiting for a reply from the organization to discuss a path forward for booth registration.
 - b. La Grande (Heideman) – EOU Earth Day events have been cancelled.

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7. Facility tour (Olarde) – Lamb Weston will follow up with Mariefel to reschedule facility tour pending guidelines impacted by COVID-19.
8. Fellows nomination from LS (Bryant) 2 in motion – Ram Devanathan was nominated through the Richland LS nominated Ram Devanathan. Dave Heldebrant was also nominated through an individual process. The ACS is still planning to solicit nominations for the national awards due on 01 Nov 2020. The next nominations for Fellows are due April 1, 2021.
9. Bylaws submission (Bryant) –Sandy officially submitted the bylaws package to the ACS Constitution & Bylaws Committee (C&B). The package will include the final Section-approved draft of the bylaws, a letter from Sandy in support of the new proposed bylaws, and documentation showing the LS voting on the proposed bylaws. Key changes to the new draft include clarifications on membership categories and LS affiliations, and creation of standing committees.
10. Chemistry club grant (Cavinato) – Tabled until next meeting.
11. Governance Affairs Committee (Omberg) – Tabled until next meeting.
12. METT Grant (Fiskum) – Two deadlines approaching in June and October for the Members Engaging Through Technology (METT) grant. Sandy suggested applying for the October deadline for support with modifying the LS website. Steve has reached out to webmasters from ACS headquarters as well as from the Puget Sound Section for guidance on how to update the website.

New Business

13. Staying connected during COVID-19 (Fiskum) – Sandy has challenged the executive committee for ideas on how to stay connected during stay at home orders. Mariefel suggested connecting the LS membership to webinar series that the ACS hosts. Colby notified the Education committee about a Zoom meeting hosted by the Portland Section. Mariefel also suggested that someone from the LS host a talk through a virtual meeting.
14. Virtual meeting platforms (Fiskum) – Sandy has asked for recommendations on which virtual platform to have meetings on, since Skype is being phased out. Janet has recommended Zoom or GoToMeeting. Per ACS recommendations, Sandy has signed up for Zoom using the ACS provided 1-year license.
15. Annual Social Speaker (Padilla-Cintron) – Cristina has reached out to Dr. Christopher H. Hendon a professor from Oregon State University who specializes in coffee research. He has responded that he will be willing to attend either in person or host a webinar, pending COVID-19 guidelines. If able to attend in person, he will also bring his personal barista to serve coffee. Since he will be traveling so far, Hendon will need support for lodging, mileage, and meals. He has also requested lodging and travel for his barista, if attending. Janet moves to invite Christopher Hendon to speak at the 2020 Annual Social; Steve seconds the nomination. Discussion indicates that funds that would have been

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spent on events impacted by COVID-19 can be directed to support Hendon's travel. Motion carries unanimously.

16. GAC on-line training (Omberg) – Tabled until next meeting.

Committee reports

17. Membership (Padilla-Cintron) – Cristina now has access to the LS eRoster.
18. WCC (Nims) – No new activities due to COVID-19 situation. Sandy suggested hosting a virtual happy hour.
19. Awards (Bryant) – National award nominations are due 01 Nov 2020. The decision to move forward with the Fall Meeting in San Francisco is still pending. There are also talks to have the 2020 awards ceremony moved to a 2021 meeting.
20. Public Relations (Krogsrud) – Steve is currently drafting the next newsletter in early summer. Content should include the bylaws, upcoming events (pending COVID-19 impacts), Mid-Columbia Science Fair, etc. Please have inputs to Steve around the end of May. The next newsletter in September will include information about the election nominations.
21. Programs (Olarte) – No new activities to report.
22. GAC (Omberg) – Tabled until next meeting.
23. Education (Heideman) – EOU chemistry club has been keeping in contact through virtual meetings. Sandy has recommended incorporating

Upcoming events

24. WCC happy hour – Longship Cellars (TBD).
25. Facility tour – Lamb Weston (TBD).
26. Annual Social – 13 November 2020, Richland Community Center.
27. Earth Day (Richland) – 03 October 2020, Hanford REACH Museum.

Sandy moves to adjourn the April 2020 executive committee meeting; Janet seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

Adjourn at 7:02 pm



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**ACS Richland Section
 Treasurer's Report**

4/1/2020-4/30/2020

Activities

Received a bill of \$598.30 from 2020 ACS Leadership Institute

Starting Balance

Savings	\$45,016.60
Checking	\$21,249.15

Receipts

From	Amount	Budget Category	Date	Directed to:
Total receipts this period		\$0.00		

Expenses

To	Amount	Budget Category	Date Paid	Description; check number
Total spent this period		\$0.00		

Ending Balance

Savings	\$45,016.60
Checking	\$21,249.15